

We Are Family

Pet Planner Checklist

We cannot assume that our pets will naturally adapt to the arrival of a new baby. Taking the time and effort to prepare your pets will help to ensure a smooth transition.

The Pet Planner Checklist will help guide you in the preparation process.

Questions to ask yourself

- Will your pets feeding time need to change? Yes No
- Have you organised who is going to look after your pets when you are in hospital? Yes No
- Who is cleaning your cat litter tray? Yes No

Do you need to change any of the following:

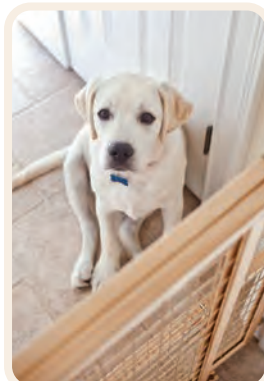
- When your pet is walked? Yes No
- Where your pet is fed? Yes No
- When your pet goes to the Vet for its annual visit? Yes No
- Where your pet sleeps? Yes No
- Which rooms of the house your pet can enter? Yes No



Create a safe and secure area where you can separate your dog from your baby.

At home

- Have you set up the nursery so your pets can get used to it before your baby comes home? Yes No
- Have you decided which rooms you do not want your pets to go in? Yes No
- Do you need to consider a barrier or security door? Yes No
- Do you need to make a child free area inside so your pet can relax too? Yes No
- Where is your pet going to sleep when the baby arrives? Yes No
- Is your pet going to spend more time outside? Yes No
- Do you need to build / purchase a run or enclosure? Yes No
- Will you need to purchase different bedding? Yes No
- Will your outdoor area provide their daily needs of shelter, food and water? Yes No



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Getting your pet ready for the arrival of your baby

Helpful training hints for your cat



Do you need to train your cat to:

- Walk on a harness? Yes No
- Stay inside? Yes No
- Use a litter tray? Yes No
- Travel in a crate? Yes No
- Go into a cat enclosure or cat run? Yes No



Actively supervise all interaction between your baby and pets.

Helpful training hints for your dog



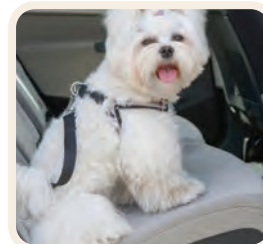
Do you need to train your dog to:

- Sit calmly while in a harness in a car? Yes No
- Walk comfortably with you beside the stroller or pram? Yes No
- Walk comfortably on a loose lead? Yes No
- Understand some basic commands such as sit, drop and stay? Yes No
- Be comfortable and relaxed spending time away from you in another room or outdoor area? Yes No
- Do you need professional help to train your dog? Yes No



When your baby comes home

- Do you have enough food for your pet? Yes No
- Have you organised someone to exercise the dog? Yes No
- Have you organised someone to help with your pet's grooming requirements? Yes No



Notes:

Actively supervise all interaction between your baby and pets.
If you can't actively supervise, then make sure they are securely separated so there cannot be any physical contact.

Actively Supervise or Securely Separate.

